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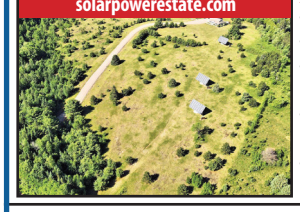

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The new cafe at the Kennisis Lake Marina has expanded its offerings to include specialty coffees and smoothies. It's part of the plan to make the marina more of a destination. / Submitted by Jim Dale

New vision for Kennisis Lake Marina

DARREN LUM

County Life Staff

The Kennisis Lake Marina has new owners who have a real vision for the future.

Two long-time cottagers Jim Dale, who has spent 32 years cottaging in the area and Gary Bouwmeister, an 11-year cottager, have teamed up with the marina's manager of the past three years Chad Burden, who is a familiar face at the West Guilford Shopping Centre, being part of a local family that runs it.

The three partners bought the marina and its seven-acres of combined properties, including the 4,000 sq. ft. marina/shop from Doug Mahood, who owned the marina for the past 25 years. Burden will continue to operate the marina and the others will be non-operating partners.

Dale, who has experience in finance, said the plan is to make the ideally-situated marina a "pleasure destination" for visitors and area residents alike.

"The difference I think with this marina and a lot of others is Kennisis Lake is at the end of a 20 kilometre dead end road. The more we can provide for people conveniently here in the Kennisis and Redstone community the less people have to drive all the way in to town and take all afternoon to get there and back on a sunny Saturday afternoon," he said.

The marina has been managed by Chad, and his wife Steph, since 2018.

Dale added the timing was right for everyone, whether it was Burden interested in ownership, or him and Bouwmeister looking for a business venture, and Mahood ready for change.

There is great potential for the marina, he said.

"The property in many ways is a bit of a blank slate. It's a fairly open area. Some descent shoreline. A very nice setting and it was conducting the standard marina stuff of a little store and a shop, which serviced boats for winterization. The usual kind of marina stuff, but there is some space there and we sort of thought 'what could be the potential of this.' So that's what sort of got our interest in it and so as a group we came together

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Wilberforce Agricultural Fair hosts virtual scarecrow building, cake walk in 2021

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A countdown on the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair website offers a Prelude to Launch, welcoming fairgoers to celebrate the fair in a unique way in 2021 – virtually.

With many pandemic restrictions still in place, and an unknown future ahead for public gatherings in Ontario, the Wilberforce Agricultural Society has planned a series of events happening over several weeks this summer until the Wilberforce Agricultural Virtual Fair takes place on Aug. 6 and 7.

"We did nothing last year, we were just so crushed by the fact that we couldn't hold a fair in person, that doing this sort of thing never occurred to us," said Joanne Vanier, treasurer for Wilberforce Agricultural Society and homecraft director. "After being away from it for a year, in the winter time we were looking at this saying, hey, chances are we're not going to be able to do it again this year, we've got to do something."

"So we came up with this idea and the support we got from the community just floored us," said Vanier.

The Wilberforce Agricultural Society had some funds, Vanier said, and were given some government support to help

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Exciting contests in the community lead up to virtual fair weekend

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keep the society afloat.

"It's been a really difficult time for agricultural societies who host fairs, if they can't hold an event, to keep in the black," said Vanier.

Knowing they had the funds to spend, the decision was made to host a virtual fair. Soon after, Vanier said they were approached by a business - "we didn't approach them" - who reached out to offer support for the virtual fair. Vanier said this kind, unexpected generosity led to the society sending out a letter to other businesses that had supported the fair in the past in case they might also want to contribute.

"It's been a rough year, and we understand some businesses are really hurting, but there are some that have thrived despite these circumstances, and if you're in a position where you would like to support the fair, please get back to us," Vanier said of the letter's message.

In total, 18 businesses responded, "really generously, not just with bare minimum, but really generously," said Vanier. "That was super encouraging to us, to go a little bit above and beyond with what we were going to do."

While the fair will be held virtually on the weekend of Aug. 6 and 7, activities and contests will take place over the upcoming weeks leading up to the main events for participants taking part from any location.

"No restrictions – from anywhere," said Vanier. "And that's in line with our fair. People come to our fair from all over. People enter our competitions when they're at the fair, and they come from all over the place. So our virtual fair is the same."

A search for Milky the Cow began June 13, with the fair's mascot checking out a different location in Haliburton, Bancroft, or one of the communities in between each week until Aug. 7. Weekly prizes will be offered to those who correctly identify where in Haliburton, Wilberforce, Harcourt, Cardiff, Gooderham or Bancroft Milky is located, with an entry form available at the Wilberforce Fair site.

Bringing a longtime fair tradition online, scarecrow building entries are currently being accepted up until Aug. 1.

"I think it's pretty impressive – our first prize is $100, and two runner-up prizes of $50 each," said Vanier. "And we want to make that a family event, if possible. Get your whole family involved in building a scarecrow."

A colouring contest with an environmental theme featuring a shoreline drawing that can be downloaded from the fair's website gives kids a chance to win one of four $25 cash prizes – the deadline for that entry is also Aug.1.

On July 23, a backyard scavenger hunt, video scavenger hunt and guess the macro and name that tool contests go live on the fair's website, while July 27 is the deadline for adult and junior homecraft entries ranging from marshmallow creations, soap carvings, hairy soup can creatures, painted rocks and photography to decorated cupcakes and creative pie crusts, field and garden produce and floral arrangements, quilts, knitting, sewing and creative art. A full list of entry possibilities is online. Winners will be revealed on Aug. 6.

On the actual fair weekend – Aug. 6 and 7 - children's craft kits and swag bags are available, a guess the gumballs contest opens and virtual cake walks – recreating the fair's beloved draw for a homemade chocolate cake – take place.

"We've got a good start on it," said Vanier. "Last year, it caught us off guard but this time we've had more time to plan it and we've been working on this since February." Vanier said it was helpful to get feedback from other fairs that have hosted a virtual event to learn what works and what doesn't work so well.

"It is disappointing, again this second year, not to be able to have an in-person fair, but I'm excited about this event," said Vanier. "At least we're keeping in touch with the community and offering some fun, some entertainment for them. Hopefully next year they'll remember our virtual fair and come out to the real thing."

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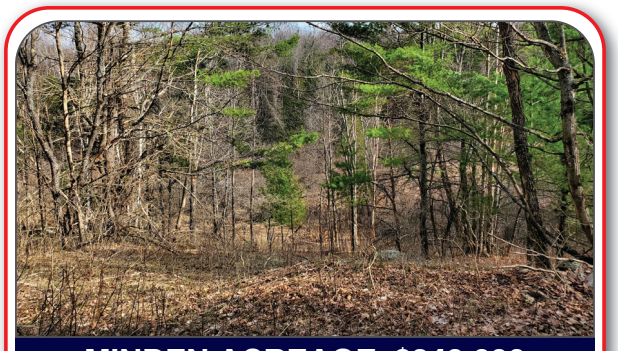

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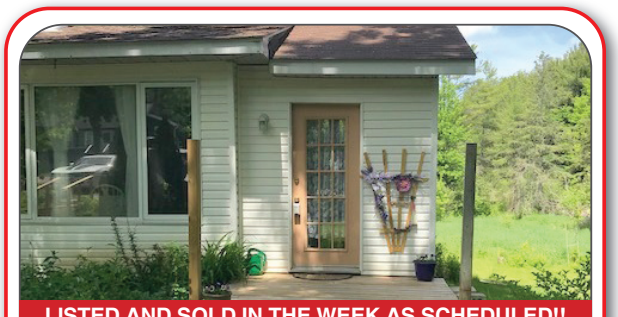

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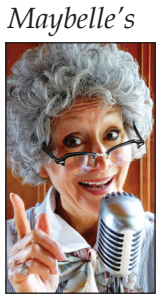

Fireside stories

WHY, IF Thursday, July 1 isn't Canada Day, don'tcha know! That's what ol' Maybelle said to Twindle Mumbly. And he said back, rolling his bespeckled eyes: "It's *always* on July 1 regardless of the day of the week it falls on." Now, why he seemed exasperated, I don't know. Maybe it's because Twindle's favourite Canada Day celebration in Minden isn't happening this year, no thanks to COVID-19. That means no rubber duckie race. No crazy river raft race. No vintage cars on display along Water Street. No live brass band playing. No crazy maple leaf hats and painted faces. O'Canada! Oh Nooooo!

But, oh wait! Just hold on a second. Haliburton County's 600 lakes are still here. Our gorgeous hiking trails are still here. The barbeque is still working and the food markets are still open. We can now safely flap our lips among ten friends and/or family members outdoors. So, hey! How about getting in the water or on it in a boat, a canoe, a rubber tube or noodle or raft? How about an on-the-grass-egg-in-a-spoon race? That's always fun. And messy. Too silly for you? Okay … how about playing Jenga? Bocce ball? Frisbee? How about pulling out the old harmonica, guitar, ukulele?

Beanpole Starkman is going to fly his two-seater Tiger Moth biplane over Lake WhaddayathinkImean with a huge maple leaf banner flying in the breeze. Then, he's going to land it on ol' Maybelle's back nine, and hopefully not crash into my wood shed, as he normally wants to do!

Sybil Beaucannon Hughes is bringing a whole palette of paints, brushes, a canvas and easel with her to our Canada Day get together out back of my cottage, don'tcha know. She's been threatening to "capture our group of friends" on canvas for ages. And age-ED is what we're all becoming, so the sooner the better.

In the savouries department -- Vilma Yuccch is bringing her ever-popular fennel/apple/celery/raisin summer salad to go with the veggie burgers, beef burgers, and hotdogs that Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom will be flipping on my ol' barbeque, don'tcha know. Ol' Maybelle will be serving up some super sweet watermelon, peaches, and my Auntie Hester's "to live for" banana cake.

So, what exactly will we be celebrating?

According to the history books, we'll be celebrating Canadian Confederation which occurred on July 1, 1867, with the passing of the Constitution Act, 1867 where the three separate colonies of Canada, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick were united into a single Dominion within the British Empire called Canada. It was originally called Dominion Day (French: Le Jour de la Confédération), don'tcha know. The holiday was renamed in 1982 when the Canadian Constitution was patriated by the Canada Act 1982.

That sounds pretty dry, doesn't it? Surely there's more to what we think and feel about Canada on July 1 that makes us want to set off fireworks, don'tcha know. That's what my good friends and I will be talking about after all that good food settles in our tummies. How we feel about our country, our freedoms, and yes, its problems. We will take time to hold in our hearts, the news that's been forthcoming as First Nations mourn the remains of hundreds of children discovered at a former Residential School in Saskatchewan.

We love our country. We love being proud Canadians! And we still can be, by acknowledging both our achievements and wrong-doings, and committing to never let anything like what happened to those children happen again. To finally set things right for our Indigenous brothers and sisters. And while we're at it … to honour and care for our environment. To be thoughtful of others by following COVID protocols and safety measures. To be grateful for where we live and what we have. And then, to sing O'Canada with renewed commitment, vision, and promise, don'tcha know.

Maybelle's Fireside Stories is written by Jerelyn Craden. Jerelyn's books, "Vessie Flamingo Outshining the Moon," and "Maybelle's Cure for What Ails You" are available at amazon.com.

Top 10 ways to keep squirrels out of your bid feeder

IF THIS past winter and spring have taught me anything, it is that it is almost impossible to keep squirrels outside of a bird feeder by relying on conventional methods. To defeat these robbing rodents, you need to think outside of the box – which is exactly what I did. So allow me to share my best 10 ways to keep squirrels out of your bird feeder.

1. Machine gun emplacements, mines, artillery, mortar and air support and a barbed wire perimeter, where legal.

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

2. No bird seed.
3. Make your bird feeder bear friendly.
4. Strictly enforced social distancing protocols.
5. Don't call it a bird feeder.
6. "No shoes, no shirt, no service" sign.
7. Take up falconry.
8. Set up a diversionary series of park benches complete with old men.
9. Daily "By the feeder" Jazz festival.
10. Total local deforestation.

Wings

Wings scissoring through the mist,
stone Sky clouding the mirror of Lake,
shrouding the scrub of island in a pale veil of Air,
smudges of rocks blurring into splinters of docks,
jutting out from the crescent of shore where I stand,
holding my Breath, stilling the fidgeting of
my fingers,
that rub pebbles, these worry beads, plucked from
the shore.
I watch the grey heron land on a remnant of dock,
its planks slanting into the water,
the heron perching on the edge of the dock, tucking
its wings at its sides,
its beak peering into the reeds flanking the dock,
darkness blooming beneath them.
A chipmunk streaks across the rocks, disappearing
into a tangle of trees,
their branches drooping towards the water, to sip
the morning mist.
I resist the urge to step closer, to ruffle the heron's
stillness, to crowd its space,
remaining rooted to the rocks, gazing out at the lone
pair of pines,
rising from the mist, the ring of rocks surrounding
their tiny island home,
still there, just as my eyes remember,
buffering the pines from interlopers like me,
itching to swim across and greet them again,
inhale the fragrance of summer, breezing through
their branches,
flapping like wings, stiffened by winters of Wind,
their solitude, alone, together, tugging at me, as
he mist lifts,
unveiling outcroppings of other islands,
springing from patches of Lake in the distance,
rings of rocks, small as pebbles, protecting sprigs
of trees,
smears of green seeping through smudges of grey,
polishing the mirror of Lake, as a splash of Sun
bursts through the barricade of clouds.
A thrashing in the reeds, as the grey heron
takes flight,
its wings slicing through Air, like blades of light,
the lone pair of pines, leaning into each other,
their lives intertwined with the rocks and Wind and
water and Sky,
rooting them to their island home,
the way I wish I were
rooted to mine.

Sylvie Kalenda

SIRCH For A Better World: School's Cool is back!

Kindergarteners both future and present can learn what to expect when they enter the classroom with some fun studies this July.

SIRCH Community Services is excited to partner with the Trillium Lakelands District School Board to bring back School's Cool, the popular program that helps prepare kids for Junior and Senior Kindergarten. This summer it will be in Haliburton, Huntsville, Lindsay, Gravenhurst and Coboconk. Kicking off on July 19, the four-week program will run in person on Mondays to Fridays, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. until Aug. 13.

"When you think about it, some children entering kindergarten may not have had any access to other kids for over a year," said SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson. "When kids return to school, they will be two grades past where they were when the pandemic began. And school closures, online learning and other factors have combined to create a learning gap for many children. We hope to level the playing field for some of those children."

School's Cool is an evidence-based program that typically increases language, social, self-help, math and other developmental skills by up to a year in just a short period of time. The program is structured around a typical day at school, with children learning social skills, gaining independence, adapting to a routine, increasing their language ability and graduating with a newfound self-confidence.

This year the program will prioritize children in JK

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SIRCH Community Services and Trillium Lakelands District School Board are partnering to bring the School's Cool program to Haliburton County.

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or SK who were already struggling, or who have not responded well to online learning. If there are additional spaces, they will be opened up to preschoolers.

School's Cool coordinator and instructor Kate Moss loves seeing the growth in the participants and smiles on their faces as they learn new things every day.

"They learn things like how to dress themselves, get along with other children, and many self-help skills," she said. "You see at the beginning of the program kids being shy and not wanting to leave their caregiver's side. And then at the end you see an incredible change."

As well as students, School's Cool is also seeking instructors to join this amazing program. Those who have an ECE, EA or teaching background or have experience working with children should contact SIRCH.

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Artist, Jane Selbie, displays her artwork in Glass Eagle Studio's garden.

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New owners to make marina a 'one-stop shop' for visitors

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and got together a bit of a plan about what we thought we could do with this property," he said.

There's already been work performed to that end, which includes actions to refresh and upgrade the store with new doors and paint, including regrading the property. The new cafe, which addresses the demand for a higher level of service, includes a sophisticated espresso maker that required specialist training to learn how to serve a full spectrum of specialty coffees such as espresso, cappuccino and lattes. Ice cream and smoothies are also available.

The marina also boasts rental services, a full range of it's own clothing line with a logo designed by the Burdens.

He credits the past owner with having the foresight to move the boat storage off-site, which they saw as ideal as they attempt to transform the marina property into that go-to spot for people to enjoy the more than 600-feet of lake frontage. Part of that plan has already begun with the completion of four new pickleball courts this July, bringing more recreation opportunities to the site.

"It's a beautiful piece of waterfront property and we feel it's better to have a pickleball club than a huge storage barn," he said.

More than 100 people have signed up to the marina's new pickleball club. They had previously been playing at the courts at the Haliburton Forest, but were excited to get out onto the brand-new facility.

Dale says he has three objectives this summer – to improve life on the lake, run a good business, and collect feedback from cottagers and the community to learn about what everyone wants and how the marina can better serve their needs.

"We're not going to try and have all the answers right out of the gates here because you can only do so much the first season, but I think over time we're going to get feedback and like to make it a bit of a one-stop shop," he said. "But not a full-blown grocery [store]."

Dale said the response from the community so far has been positive.

"People are really excited. Kennisis Lake is a lake where there's been a lot of investment (well, all the Haliburton Lakes). There's been a lot of investment in this lake in the last 20 to 25 years. People are building places. They're putting a lot of money into these places. There's people coming up full-time and so, in our view, you've got a community that is more evolved up here and it's a community that is looking for more than what I think this marina facility has provided. There's a demand here for a higher level of service," he said. "The difference between this marina and others, if I'm on Twelve Mile Lake or Haliburton Lake I can run into town. If I'm on Twelve Mile Lake, I'm five minutes from Minden and you've got options to go in and meet all your needs. Up here it's a little more isolated so because of that I think our property is more uniquely positioned to be the destination for the lake because it's the one place you can go here to get things you need without getting in your car for minimum a two-hour trip."

The deck at the Kennisis Lake Marina is an ideal spot to enjoy a cappucino, latte or smoothie, which has been added to the offerings, as part of enhanced services being implemented. /Photos submitted by Jim Dale

The lakefront to the Kennisis Lake Marina is part of the beauty of the property. The new owners are excited about the prospects of the marina and want to enhance the overall experience of life for visitors and residents.

New marina owners

Carnarvon's Northland Marine and Storage is now owned by Gordon Brittle, who takes over from third generation family owners, led by Brad and Cathy Griffin.

Brittle, who has spent 20 years in the marina industry, said he wanted to own a business in the Highlands.

To loyal customers, he said there won't be any changes and that quality service and commitment will continue, as it did under the previous owners.

"The plan is to keep everything the same and keep the family aspect of the business," he said.

His familiarity with the area is as a past cottager on Kennisis Lake.

He said an opening ceremony isn't in the plans this year, but there could possibly be one next year.

According to an online post on the website for the Mountain Trout House Marina, it was recently sold to Bruce Macpherson and Vanessa Slack, who have been cottagers on Kawagama Lake for close to 20 years. They (with three children Rory, Angus and Alexander) took over March 26. The business had been owned by Dawn and Don Abel, Kawagama Lake cottagers, for more than 16 years.

They said it was "bitter sweet" and that they didn't realize the impact owning the marina would have on their lives.

"You, our customers and our friends, have welcomed us into your lives and into your cottages. The best part of our time here has been the people that we have met," as written in a prepared statement posted to the marina's website.

The Abels stated that some will know the new owners through their work at Moorelands' Camp and Starry Nights, and through Vanessa's company, Sister Soulace. The Abels thanked staff members Tony Arkell, James Robertson, Samantha Gilchrist and Jessica Mazara for ensuring the marina ran successfully for so many years.

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The Magic 8 Ball and the selling of the Haliburton cottage amid the pandemic

I have always believed in a higher power. And this time it was no different. So when I finally decided to sell the Haliburton cottage of twenty years amid the COVID-19 pandemic, I summoned the professional support of two highly capable real estate agents… and the Magic 8 Ball.

"Barb, if you can get the cottage in shape in three weeks we can list it for the May 24 long weekend."

"OK," I agreed and knew I had a daunting task ahead of me.

Inside, I decluttered. I put items on surfaces in drawers, under beds, in cupboards. Outside, I cleared debris and raked the grounds. I gathered unneeded, broken items, loaded up my car and delivered them to the dump. I summoned Bill's help.

"Bill, please fix the dock, cut up the fallen tree, and repair the back room by May 20," I texted this very skilled tradesperson not too concerned about deadlines.

Then I painted the back room. My daughter arrived shortly before the long weekend and gave the room a second coat.

"Wow, Barb, you've really been working hard. The place looks great," the agents said.

My daughter and I needed to leave the cottage for a week so real estate agents could show the cottage to potential buyers. What else was left to do?

I summoned the support of a higher power, my Magic 8 Ball. Maybe you aren't familiar with this invaluable children's toy—a plastic black ball about the size of a softball baseball. It has an 8 on top and a transparent circle on the bottom. It's filled with a soapy liquid. You shake it up and turn it over and it will reveal answers to key questions:

"Will the cottage sell above asking price?" I asked it.

"Hazy, try again," the 8 Ball revealed.

So about an hour later my daughter asked again "Will the cottage sell above asking price?"

"Most likely," the 8 Ball revealed this time.

"Will there be many offers on the cottage?"

"Without a doubt."

"Wow!" we both remarked.

We returned to the cottage a week later. As we sat waiting for the arrival of the real estate agents, we paused. We took in the lake. We listened to the loon's call. We took in the tall birch that rose up into the clear blue sky. It was hard to let go.

The real estate agents arrived and we sat down together.

"There are six offers. They are all above asking."

"Wow!" I managed to exclaim.

My daughter smiled.

"None, however, agreed to your of closing date of end of summer."

We listened as each offer was presented to us one at a time.

"We can send back the three highest offers and see what happens."

"OK", I managed to say.

My daughter agreed.

Two hours later, the three offers were returned with the closing date of my preference. One, however, raised the price again. This offer was signed back and accepted. The cottage was sold free and easy according to the predictions of the Magic 8 Ball. And, by the way, if you're wanting to get one to meet any of life's challenges, they're about $10.

By Barb Rosen

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Melissa stared at me across the width of my kitchen table. She held her cup of coffee at a precarious angle. She looked both upset and determined. I sipped my coffee looking, I hoped, equally determined.

"Dave and I insist on meeting this Joe guy before he even thinks about stepping one foot inside your door. We intend to interview him and have many questions to ask. We are both genuinely concerned about this arrangement of yours."

I loved my daughter-in-law, but she was not permitted to interfere in my life. "Well, you certainly may meet him if you would like to stay for awhile. Joe and his belongings should be arriving within the hour. Luckily, my unit gives me two parking spaces. I know you lead a busy life, so if you are unable to stay that long I will understand. Joe will be quite busy himself, settling in."

Melissa picked up her phone. Quite clearly, she was texting my son. I knew this was going to be hard on all of us. I am sure they will like Joe. He is a good man who will make my life much easier going forward.

"Melissa, put down your phone and listen to me. I am not going to take a single dime from you and Dave. You owe me absolutely nothing. Things have changed during these terrible times. What was once considered a loan is now a gift. Please, no more guilt about me taking on a roommate to help with my expenses. I have no intention of moving out of this beautiful, spacious apartment. Just look at that view of Head Lake and the park. I have two large bedrooms. A roommate, who is also fully-vaccinated, makes total sense."

"But Mom, a man you know nothing about? He could be a psychopath."

I laughed. "Okay Honey, this is what I know about Joe. He is a retired carpenter who does free home repairs and yard maintenance for seniors all over Haliburton County. He was welcomed into his daughter's home after his divorce. She and her husband are both working from home as well as home schooling their kids. Joe is currently camping out in his son-in-law's home office and is feeling very much in the way. While looking for a new place to live, he came across my ad for a room mate. I think we can safely rule out psychopath."

"Well, what will your neighbours think? A strange man living here. And what about his daughter? She doesn't know anything about you either."

"My friends in the building will be relieved that I don't have to move out after all. They will also be thrilled to have a handyman living just down the hall. And yes, I am positive that his daughter and son-in-law feel equally guilty and horrified by our arrangement as you and Dave. We must have you all over for dinner one evening soon." But not too soon.

Just then the intercom buzzed. I wondered who had arrived first, Dave or Joe. It was neither. Joe's daughter and her husband were in the lobby. Laughing a little hysterically, I let them in.

Submitted by Meg Hoffman

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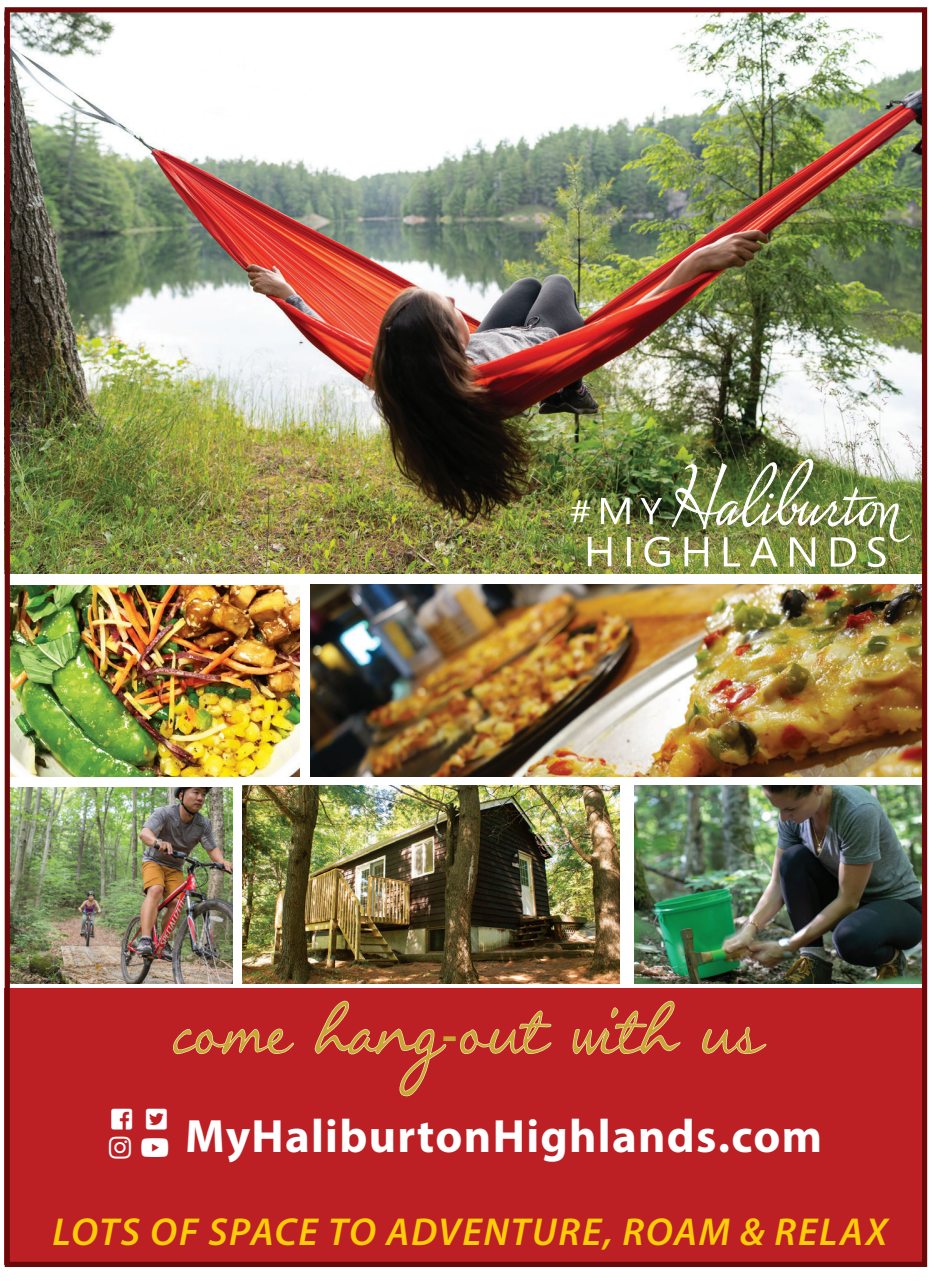

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Downtown sculptures

The Haliburton Downtown Sculpture Exhibition returned to Highland Street in June, with six unique pieces being installed in select places along the downtown core. Artist Eric Tardiff discusses his aluminum sculpture 'Parallel Composition', valued at $3,500, which was installed outside Glecoff's Family Store. /MIKE BAKER staff

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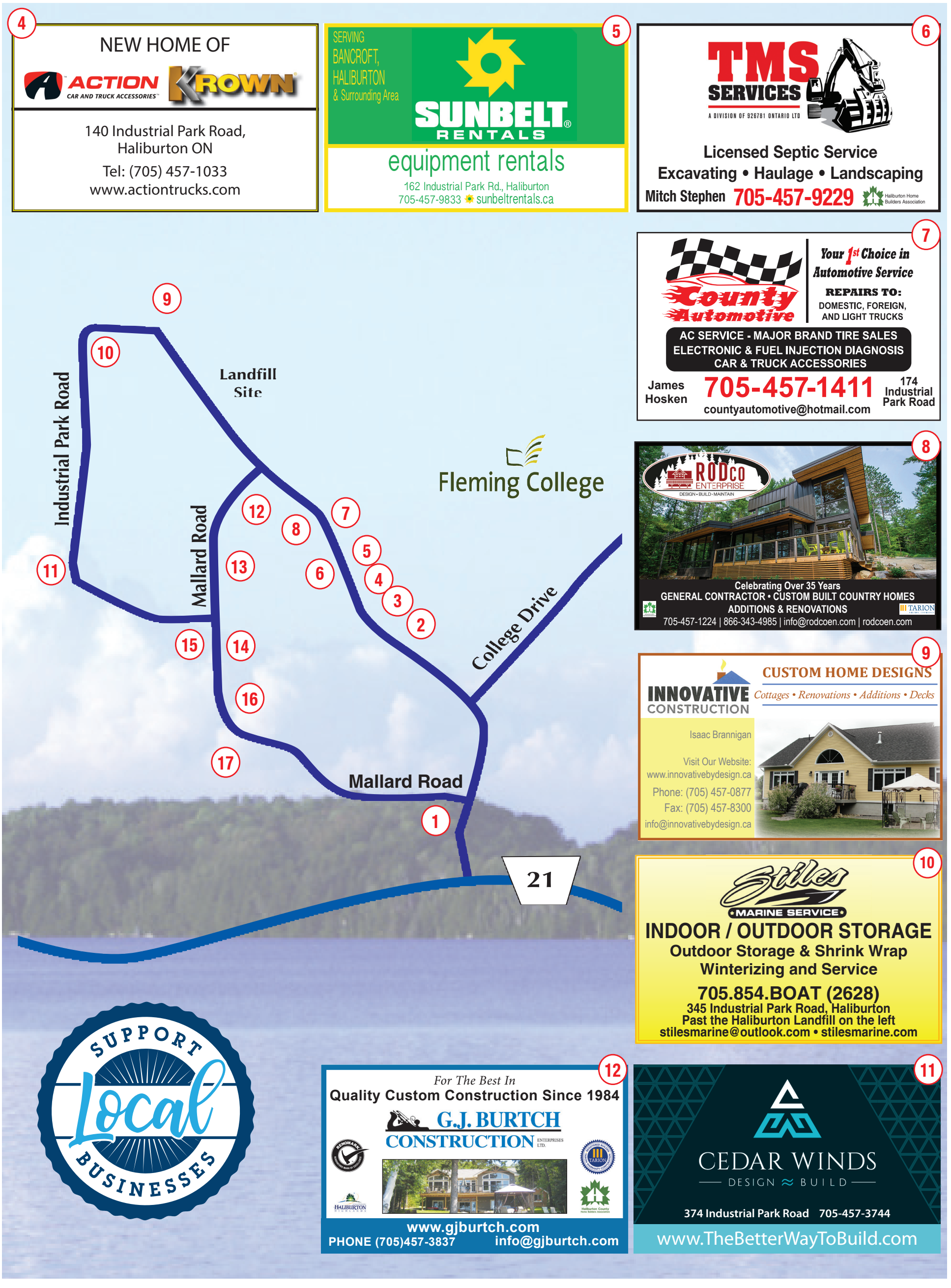

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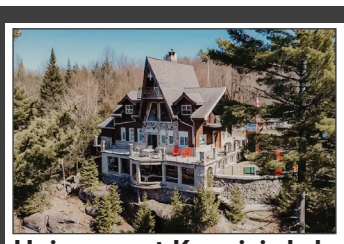

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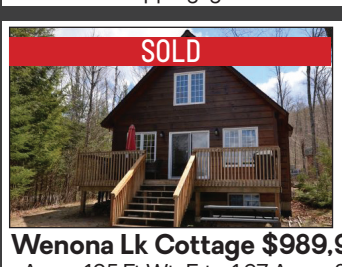

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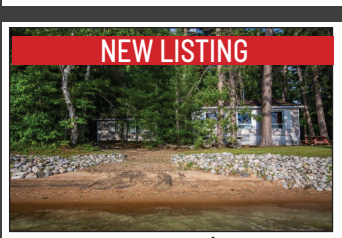

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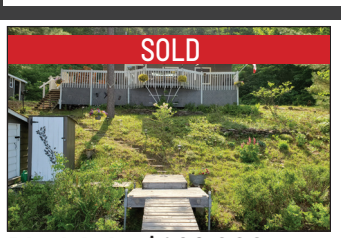

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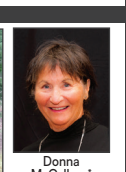

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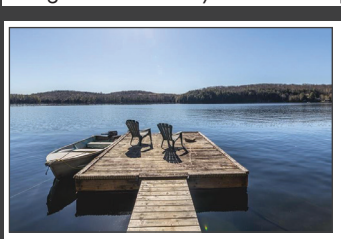

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Custom-built home overlooking prestigious Kashagawigamog Lake. The big-sky lake views from the main floor are breathtaking! This property checks so many boxes: 4 bedrooms and 3 bathrooms to comfortably accommodate family and friends. Spacious great room with floor to ceiling windows and a cozy fireplace. Kitchen features solid knotty white oak cabinetry, granite counters and an island cook-top, to appease the most discerning of cooks. Master bedroom with a view, private deck, and hot tub. Walkout lower level to heated in-ground pool. 3 bay garage/workshop and so much more! This stunning spa-like property also features one-half ownership of a west-facing waterfront lot with hard sandy entry to Kashagawigamog Lake.

PERCY LAKE $889,000

This 4-season beautiful home or cottage is located on a year-round municipal road. Stunning southern exposure. A shallow entry, beautiful sandy beach and deep water off the end of the dock. The sizeable private docking system is the ideal spot to relax and enjoy your summer days. Bright open concept living space finished with hardwood flooring, cathedral ceilings, floor to ceiling windows providing ample natural lighting. Spacious kitchen. Large cedar deck with stunning open water views. Detached double garage for all your storage needs. This desirable turnkey cottage will check all your boxes.

IRONDALE RIVER $759,000

First time being offered for sale! This beautiful 3-bdrm 1 bath year-round home or cottage. With over 200 feet of frontage and 3.24 acres, this level property provides ample privacy. Sand riverfront shoreline is perfect for swimming. This home was built in 2015 and offers a spacious kitchen finished with wood cabinetry, soft close drawers, ceramic flooring, and a large island. The formal dining room is the perfect size for your family's harvest table. Sunken living room with walkout to the large front deck. The unfinished lower-level waits your finishing touch to create more space for your family.

GLAMOR LAKE $598,500

This cute 3 season cottage is situated on the water's edge in a quiet bay on Glamor Lake. Bright open concept kitchen, dining and living room finished with pine walls. This property offers 3 spacious bdrms and a 4pc bath. Plenty of room for the whole family to come and enjoy the beauty of Haliburton County. Many recent upgrades completed, including plumbing, windows, shingles, flooring, appliances and more. Beautiful sand beach with deep waters. Swim out and enjoy your very own small island. Bonus – 6.6 acres of your own land to explore.

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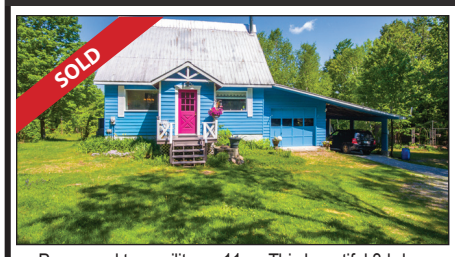
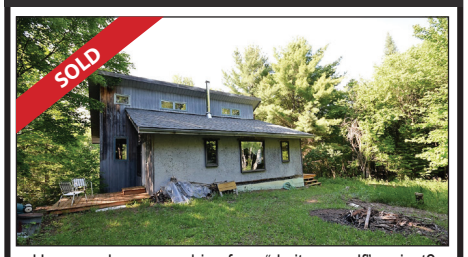


Peace and tranquility on 11ac. This beautiful 3-bdrm, 2 bath home is an excellent opportunity for first-time homeowners to enter the market. This home is fully winterized and would also make a fantastic year-round cottage. The beautiful riverfront offers a private sand beach and miles of river for excellent canoeing, swimming, tubing, and kayaking. Bright open concept kitchen and dining area. Listen to the bird's sing from the screened porch. Finished walk-out lower level. Relax and destress after a long day in your very own sauna.

ANGEL ROAD $249,000



Have you been searching for a "do it yourself" project? This 2-bdrm, 1 bath dwelling is a great handyman special. Complete to your taste for your year-round home or cottage- your home away from home. The framing has been completed with Roxul insulation installed in the ceilings and walls. This property has underground hydro, drilled well, and septic. 2.226 acres of wooded grounds. Situated on a year-round road in a nice quiet area. This property has potential and endless possibilities. Being sold "as is where is."

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Health Services Board AGM

Construction is priority # 1

by Jack Brezina, Editor

There is an urgency to get on with the construction of the two health facilities in Minden and Haliburton. That was the theme that ran through the first annual meeting of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board held Thursday at the Minden Arena.

Board chair Hugh Nichol repeated that theme on several occasions as the board moved through a number of routine business items usually associated with an annual meeting. It came up in the discussion of the board's deficit financing, in the plans of the Health Services Board Foundation to raise money and in the organization's plans to expand its delivery of services to the community it serves.

"There is an urgency to getting on with the capital projects," Nichol told the meeting. The chairman, who is also a chartered accountant, said he had carried out budget studies incorporating the 13 acute care beds and 30 long-term care beds at the Haliburton Hospital and the amalgamation of the Minden Hospital with the renovated Hyland Crest site and said the additions would achieve economies of scale that would allow the board to operate within its projected budget parameters. He suggested that the longer the capital projects remain on hold, the longer it will be before the board can reach a balanced budget or even be in a surplus position.

"We are looking forward to going ahead with the construction of the two site at the same time," he said. "We have come a long way, but we also have a long way to go."

Nichol pointed to two recent developments which have helped move the plans forward. "Two weeks ago county council agreed to underwrite the public portion of the capital projects." That means that the board would not have to wait until the public portion of the construction costs was raised before beginning work, although fund-raising will still be a priority. As well, the county has agreed to transfer the control of Hyland Crest to the Health Services Board. He admitted there are many issues to be worked out, but the agreement in principle from the county helps in getting the process moving ahead.

A reasonable level of service

Nichol noted that despite its financial troubles, the board has been able to provide what he described as a reasonable level of service at the two hospitals during the past year, in particular ensuring the emergency service at Minden continues on a 24 hour a day basis.

He also pointed out that the board has started into the process of creating an integrated health services system adding a mental health services component during the past year, providing visiting paediatric services, implementing a diabetes educational program and development of supportive housing services. He suggested that integrating the ambulance services into the system is currently under consideration as well as integration of the hospital and medical clinic in Minden.

The board incurred a $75,000 deficit this year, however, as was pointed out during the meeting, the amount is much lower than those reported by St. Joseph's Health Centre during its last two years of operation of the two hospitals. He said while the deficit is still of concern, the board is obviously moving in the right direction and is managing its resources as best it can. He noted that an additional budget cut from the province is expected next year. Later in the meeting he asked if those in attendance would favour the board making use of $150,000 of the provincial portion of the capital allotment to assist with the operational side of the budget. The consensus indicated approval and Nichol said he would be pursuing that option with the Ministry of Health immediately.

New equipment purchased

The meeting also heard from Dr. Norm Bottum, Chief of Staff for the board, who described some of the changes that have occurred during the past year. He said that equipment has been upgraded, new policies introduced and the medications maintained by the two hospitals have been upgraded. He said the doctors are committed to the capital projects and "We are looking forward to the exciting possibilities that exist down the road."

Executive Director Foster Loucks gave a brief description of the services now offered through the Health Services Board. "We have been able to maintain the 24 hour emergency services in Minden despite the lukewarm reception to the idea from the Ministry of Health," he told the meeting. He said the board is moving ahead with its plans for the 13 bed acute care hospital in Haliburton and the attached, 30 bed long-term care facility as well as the redevelopment of the Minden site. Loucks paid tribute to the efforts of the doctors in both centres and Jose Urbano, who heads the mental health clinic, for their leadership over the year.

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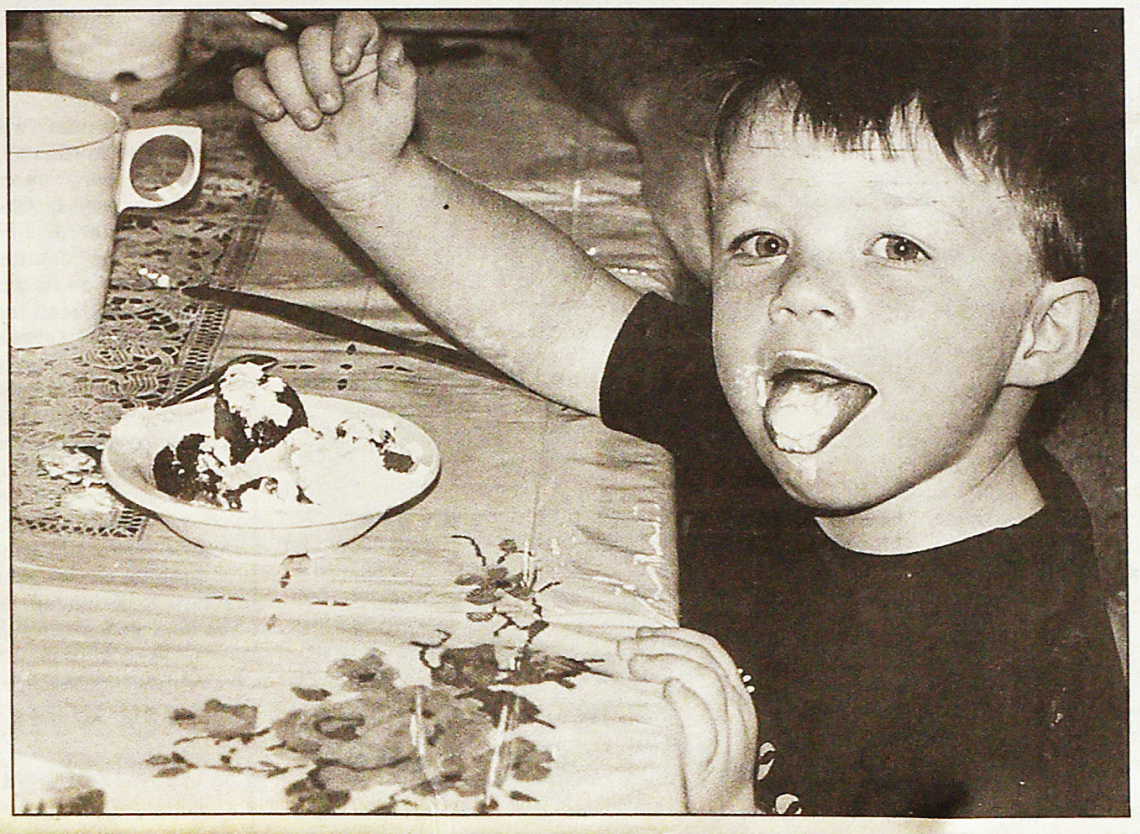

Strawberry delight

YMCA Camp Wanakita held its annual open house and strawberry social June 22. Strawberry desserts and numerous other treats topped off the buffet. It was the strawberries, shortcake and the delicious whipped cream that was the hit of the day. As young Travis Stephen can atest to....it was lip-smacking delicious.

Happy 130th Birthday Canada!

Once again Minden rolls out the red carpet to salute our nation's birthday.

A host of activities have been planned along the river during and at other locations throughout the day. Among the popular events are:

- a rock bass derby on the Gull from 7 a.m. to noon
- kids games by the post office from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- a classic car show from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- the Lions Club Soap Box Derby on Chandos Street
- entertainment throughout the day featuring a variety of local performers
- a silly hat contest • canoe races • the annual Crazy Raft Race • displays by community groups • food booths • display by community groups • special programs at the Minden County Town Museum and much more.

Opening ceremonies with a Legion Colour Party and the singing of O' Canada takes place at 1 p.m. after which, everyone will be invited to enjoy a slice of birthday cake.

In the evening, families are invited to gather at the Minden ball diamond for a fireworks display co-ordinated by the Minden Fire Department, topping off a fun-filled birthday party.

(Canada Day celebrations are also taking place in Norland, West Guilford and Wilberforce.)

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